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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

An article by C.W. TANG et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. Vol. 51, page 913, 1987, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H10-1664, which was published January 6, 1998, and is discussed on page 3 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-63136, which was published on March 13, 2001, and is discussed on page 3 of the specification; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,380,943 to MORITA et al., which issued on April 30, 2002.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of the Japanese patents and publications are attached and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring the following co-pending and commonly assigned patent applications to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/665,011 to GYOUTOKU et al., entitled "Organic Electroluminescence Element and an Exposure Unit and Image-Forming Apparatus Both Using the Element," which was filed on September 22, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/736,747 to HAMANO et al., entitled "Exposing Apparatus and Image Forming Apparatus Using Organic Electroluminescence Element," which was filed on December 17, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

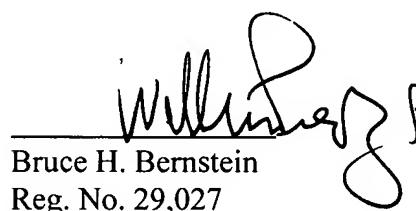
Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement

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in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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